



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## **JULY 16, 2012 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, July 16, 2012 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of July 9, 2012. Combs, Corman and Brown present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the agenda and the July 9, 2012 minutes as submitted. Also present for the meeting is Chuck Mittan of the Superior Express.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to give an update on the current activities of the County Road Department. Warren noted some of the road employees are out maintaining the county roads this week. Warren informed the Board of a motorgrader that broke a crank shaft and will need to be overhauled. John Deere does not offer this size motor anymore. The Board gave their approval to authorize the County Road Mechanic to do the overhaul on the motorgrader. Warren informed the Board of an incident at the Road Shop in Nelson which resulted in the 10,000 lb Hoist being damaged. The incident has been submitted to the County Insurance Company. Warren noted that Project C-65(601) Southeast of Nelson is complete. The Road employees are working this week on mowing roadside ditches and spraying weeds around guardrails. Warren gave the Board an update on Project HRRR STWD (086) Intersection Signs. Warren informed the Board that the Village of Ruskin is having a Fun Day in August and is requesting barricades and fill sand for the volleyball court. The Board gave their approval to have the County haul fill sand to Ruskin. Warren informed the Board they will be starting Project C-65 (333), Bostwick Precinct, in Section 21, T1N-R8W. They will begin removing trees.

**A motion was made by Combs and seconded by Brown to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to replace communications facilities, between Sections 27 & 26, T4N-R5W (Hammond Precinct). Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Susan Rogers, County Assessor met briefly with the Board to show the Board that a Certified Letter to Ron Hasley, Prayer Center addressed to 123 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Beatrice Nebraska 68310 was returned as unclaimed. The letter was sent on June 25, 2012 and was returned to the County Assessor on July 16, 2012.

Ensign & Gonzales, Budget Making Authority met with the Board. They re-affirmed that August 6, 2012 is the date the Board would like to have budget talks with all the Elected Officials and Department Heads. Ensign noted the Budgets will be submitted to the Board on July 23, 2012 for their review prior to August 6, 2012. The Board briefly discussed the Commissioners budget. Ensign noted they would need a new line number for 911 budget and Clerk Kassebaum also noted that a new fund would need to be set up for the Register of Deeds Preservation and Maintenance Fund. Ensign informed the Board that the County received information that stated, effective January 1, 2013 the employee's portion of the FICA tax will increase from 4.2% to 6.2%. This will make approximately a \$42.00 increase in taxes taken from the employee's paycheck. The regular employee will not be seeing any increase with the approved \$40.00 salary increase when the new FICA tax rates begin January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Combs to approve the 2012 Published Salaries for the Nuckolls County Employees as per State Statute #23-122. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**



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**A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to approve the 2012/2013 budget request in the amount of \$2,154.30 from the First Probation District #1. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.** The amount is based on the 2010 census. Last year the amount was \$2,304.60. This shows a decrease of \$150.30.

**A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Corman to approve the 2012/2013 budget request in the amount of \$8,749.11 for the Nuckolls County portion of the District Court Bailiff Budget as submitted by The First Judicial District, District Court of Nebraska. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.** The amount of the request is based on caseloads in Nuckolls County. Last year the amount was \$4,708.00 which shows an increase of \$4,041.11.

**A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Stop Loss Insurance Application for HCC Life Insurance Company for the Nuckolls County Employee Insurance Plan for the fiscal year 2012/2013. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Corman and seconded by Brown to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the Flag Design Artwork for the Nuckolls County Flag. Combs, Corman and Brown all voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Clerk Kassebaum submitted the Advocate Newsletter in advance of the meeting. Also the Surface Transportation for the Nebraska State Department of Roads for a 1 & 6 Year Plan for the Board to review.

The following salaries were approved by the Board:

General Fund Salaries:	\$57,713.17
Road Fund Salaries:	\$40,971.54
Civil Defense Fund Salary:	\$ 2,290.00
Emergency 911 Fund Salary:	\$ 400.00

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 10:17 a.m. until Monday, July 23, 2012.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman  
By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk